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PLAN FOR PEACE

While European and Asiatic armies fight for supremacy abroad, American foreign relations become more precarious than at any time in a quarter century. When the fighting stops, no matter what the result, America will have to adjust herself to a very different world from that of 1939.

At the Institute of International Relations to be held at Mills College, Oakland, California, June 23 to July 3, 1940, through formal lectures and informal groups, faculty and students together will explore the foundations of national and individual responsibility in the immediate days of war and the future days of peace. The Institute is open to all interested men and women.

T. Z. KOO

Ministers and church workers will find unique help in facing the dilemma which confronts all who seek to apply the Christian ethic in a world that seems increasingly dominated by paganism and violence Henry J. Cadbury, T. Z. Koo, and Gerald Heard will emphasize the religious and spiritual aspects of the present world crisis. Meanwhile a dozen other authorities will analyze the causes of present war, facts behind the headlines in passing events, and the bases of an enduring peace. These leaders include Vera Micheles Dean, Research Director of the Foreign Policy Association; Benjamin Gerig, member of the League of Nations Secretariat, 1930-1940; Albion Ross, foreign editor of the San Francisco *Chronicle* and eight years Berlin correspondent of the New York *Times;* Warren Mullin of the National Council for Prevention of War in Washington, D.C.; and others.

Henry J. Cadbury is professor of divinity at Harvard University. From 1928 to 1934 he was chairman of the American Friends Service Committee, which directs the Quaker work supported by American Friends in Europe. In 1920 he was a director of Quaker relief work in Germany. Gerald Heard, British author and scientist, was formerly lecturer for Oxford University and for the British Broadcasting Company. He was a member of the 1939 Institute faculty, and was unanimously invited back for 1940 by the Institute membership. T. Z. Koo, distinguished Chinese Christian leader, is traveling secretary of the World Student Christian Federation. He left Chungking on November 18 for the United States after extensive work in both Europe and Asia.

The tuition charge for the entire Institute session is $10. Evening meetings will be available to the public for a small charge. Those wishing further information should inquire of Joseph Conard, Mills College, Oakland, Calif.

WHAT GENERAL COUNCIL MEANS

By VERE V. LOPER

The acceptance of an invitation which we extended two years ago—1500 distinguished Congregationalists coming from every section of the country, from the rock-bound shores of New England to the Golden State—

Wider horizons, as great leaders of the church from all parts of the world gather here with us, as famous names about which we have heard for years become people in our midst, our guests—

The first national assembly of Congregationalists ever held in Northern California, and for our generation probably the last—

Presidents of Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, distinguished educators studying together methods of building the Christian home, educating children in religion, projecting programs of adult education, blazing new trails for the Church School—

A worship service each night, featuring great preachers of our denomination: George Gibson of Chicago, Alfred Swan of Madison, McIlyar Lichliter of Columbus, Noble Elderkin of Akron, Douglas Horton of New York.

A daily chapel service led by the Council Chaplain, Theodore Vogler of Chicago, the Council lecture each afternoon given by our own John Bennett—

Oscar Maurer, coming from his distinguished ministry at Center Church, New Haven, under the shadow of Yale University, to lead the Council sessions as Moderator—

Seminars to bring religion down to earth on major points of human need: migrants, worship, the Christian home and international relationship,—and on through the long list of subjects where cooperative thinking will be directed to the building of a Christian world—

The finest religious music which the Bay Area can offer; congregational singing that will lift you, thrill you—

Missionary Conferences, Social Action luncheons, Board Meetings of all national groups, election of officers, a great democratic church guiding its destiny for another two years—

The people of Northern California, working faithfully and earnestly to give Council members the finest reception ever, in any city—

Delightful interludes—college reunions, teas, trips to the hills, old friendships renewed, new ones formed—

Pilgrim Hall converted into a great exhibit room and center of visual education showing the church at work in the world—an opportunity to browse among (and to purchase) the best in religious literature—

A layman's headquarters at International House (no preachers or women allowed!)—a delegation of 300 Congregational laymen from Southern California for the week-end—an address by President Sproul—

Roger Babson, a former Moderator, in the thick of any warm debates which may arise—Former Governor William E. Sweet of Colorado running strong for Moderator in this year when customarily a layman would be elected—

Sublime moments of prayer, great flashes of prophetic insight into Christianity at work across the world, tongues touched and aglow with the Divine Presence, high thinking, noble decisions, radiant Christian fellowship—

Christ present, carrying our church, our city, our denomination to a better day under the guidance of the Living God.

COLLEGE SURVEY

Rev. Henry David Gray spent a busy five days in northern California. He preached at Plymouth Church, Oakland, met with the cabinet of Plymouth House and addressed the young people at their forum, went into detailed arrangements for the Pilgrim Fellowship National Council meeting at Mills College, met with the Conference Committees on Young People's Work and Religion in Higher Education; and visited the campuses of the University of California, Agricultural School at Davis, College of the Pacific, San Jose State College, Stanford University, and San Francisco State College, discussing with leaders what is being done and what ought to be done for the religious life of the students. This is part of a survey which he is making for some 400 college communities where Congregationalists have some interest. It was discovered that in northern California there are 39 institutions of learning of junior college rank and above. This does not include the Seventh Day Advent College and several Catholic institutions. In not less than 22 of these, Congregationalists should have some responsibility. Just what program will be outlined and can be supported is of course for the future to reveal.

LOST!

Lloyd L. Lorbeer, while driving in Northern California, left a large notebook somewhere in one of our churches—a notebook full of pictures and clippings from India. His name is on the front page. He uses it frequently and misses it greatly. Anyone finding the book please send it before May 30 in care of Supt. Frank E. Carlson, 502 Odd Fellows Building, Portland, Oregon. If it is found after that date send it to Lloyd L. Lorbeer, San Antonio Heights, Upland, California.

Delegates to the General Council thus far chosen by the different Associations are as follows:

Bay: Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, Rev. T. E. Watt, Mr. George S. Martin and Mrs. R. A. Fuller. Alternates for the first two named are Rev. G. T. Tolson and Rev. Harvey V. Miller.

Central: Rev. Dwayne Orton; Alternate: Rev. A. R. Boone.

Redwood Empire: Rev. T. T. Giffen; Alternate, Rev. Charles H. Hudson.

Sacramento Valley: Rev. Benjamin Gould; Alternate, Rev. S. E. Locke.

San Joaquin: Rev. Norman B. Henderson; Alternate, Rev. John H. Gregg.

Santa Clara: Rev. J. H. Bennett and Miss Bertha Giles; Alternates, Rev. C. E. Ward and Mrs. H. J. Loken, respectively.

Upper Bay: Rev. W. R. Steininger; Alternate, Rev. Victor H. Morgan.

The German Conference has not yet elected its delegates. The Conference delegate is Superintendent Harley H. Gill.

Spring Meetings of Associations

The spring meeting of the district Associations were among the best held during recent years. Women of the Federation turned out in large numbers to meet their president, Mrs. Raymond Fuller, and Miss Ruth Seabury. Programs of the meetings were on a high level. The Conference Committee on Religious Education was represented on each program, either by Field Secretary Sherman or by a member of the Committee. The Program of Progress was presented at each meeting. Delegates to the General Council were elected as were also officers for the ensuing year.

It is unfortunate that the annual Handbook and Directory was published just before the Association meetings, so it is suggested that the following be clipped from the PACIFIC and pasted in the Handbook, which will bring it up to date:

BAY ASSOCIATION: Moderator, Rev. R. C. Day; Vice Moderator, Rev. J. B. Orr; Registrar, Rev. James E. Enman; Assistant Registrar, Rev. R. C. M. Fiske; Auditor, Mr. C. B. Wingate; Directors, Mr. F. H. Seely, Mr. Kenneth Kinney, Rev. J. H. McCartney, Mr. George S. Martin, and Rev. Gail Cleland; Credentials Committee, Rev. Miles B. Fisher and Rev. Godfrey Matthews.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION: Moderator: Mr. George W. Prickett; Vice Moderator: Mrs. R. E. Wetmore; Registrar, Rev. Noel J. Breed; Preacher: Rev. John G. Dickey. Next meeting to be held in Stockton.

REDWOOD EMPIRE ASS'N.: Moderator: Mr. Dan Ruggles; Registrar: Rev. F. E. Boren. Next meeting to be held at Sonoma.

SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASS'N.: Moderator: Rev. W. H. L. Marshall; Vice Moderator: Mrs. Benjamin Gould; Registrar: Rev. Stewart E. Locke. Next meeting to be held at Oroville.

SAN JOAQUIN ASSOCIATION: Moderator: Rev. N. B. Henderson; Vice Moderator: Rev. A. A. Goergizian; Registrar: Rev. Arthur L. Rice. Next meeting to be held at Tulare.

SANTA CLARA ASSOCIATION: Moderator: Rev. S. C. Peabody; Vice Moderator, Mr. J. T. Richards; Registrar: Rev. R. B. Cherington. Next meeting to be held at Saratoga.

UPPER BAY ASSOCIATION: Moderator: Rev. Verdette Walters; Registrar: Rev. E. W. Benedict.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 10—Pacific School of Religion Commencement.

June 23-July 3—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

July 28-August 2—Missionary Education Movement, Asilomar.

August 12-13—State Conference, Berkeley.

August 13-20—General Council of Congregational and Christian Churches, Berkeley.

October 12-13—Laymen's Retreat, Lokoya.

October 26-27—Laymen's Retreat, Marysville.

November 2-3—Laymen's Retreat, Saratoga.

November 9-10—Laymen's Retreat, Byron Hot Springs.

November 16-17—Laymen's Retreat, Tulare.

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SLIM

April was a slim month from the standpoint of apportionment receipts from the churches. Evidently a considerable number took a rest after the effort of making remittances to help close the fiscal year. As will be noted in the following list, the income for the first four months of 1940 is about $500 less than for 1939. This can be caught up if treasurers and pastors will give careful attention. It is especially hoped that receipts for May will be large in order to help carry through the lean months of the summer.

Church	April 1940	Jan.11 to Apr.30,'40	Jan.11 to Apr.30,'39
Adin	.....	$ 7.50	$ 10.50
Alameda	.....	236.56	213.15
Alturas	10.58	10.58	.....
Angels Camp	.....	33.75	35.75
Antioch	.....	15.00	15.00
Auburn	.....	.....	60.00
Berkeley, First	456.14	1,998.79	1,547.49
North	.....	112.30	140.25
Park	.....	11.60	18.57
Campbell	.....	50.00	56.00
Cloverdale	.....	16.93	29.87
Cotati	.....	7.50	21.50
Crockett	.....	7.52	18.84
Eureka	.....	172.78	136.72
Ferndale	.....	63.05	43.99
Fresno, First	.....	274.88	205.30
Pilgrim	50.00	120.00	100.00
Glen Ellen	.....	.....	10.00
Guerneville	.....	.....	5.00
Hayfork	.....	10.00	3.00
Hayward	50.00	50.00	50.00
Kenwood	.....	5.30	.....
Lodi, First	.....	403.00	455.50
Loomis	5.00	23.55	12.98
Martinez	.....	64.77	87.31
Murphys	.....	62.50	60.00
Oakland, First	10.00	1,259.98	1,815.84
Fruitvale	.....	20.00	10.00
Pilgrim	3.00	14.58	11.00
Plymouth	.....	232.96	274.83
Oroville	4.59	10.76	24.60
Pacific Grove	.....	63.35	68.78
Palo Alto	.....	503.00	646.63
Paradise	50.00	100.00	103.40
Penngrove	.....	5.64	4.48
Petaluma	.....	232.54	174.51
Pittsburg	.....	57.22	57.50
Port Chicago	.....	.....	6.00
Porterville	.....	80.00	67.50
Redwood City	150.65	150.65	162.20
Rio Vista	.....	37.50	30.00
Ripon	12.99	65.49	56.44
Sacramento	.....	178.91	172.07
Salida	.....	2.00	.....
San Carlos	7.35	52.67	40.62
San Francisco, Bethany			
Mission Park	11.15	95.40	74.26
Calvary	.....	.....	20.00
First	.....	316.28	337.37
Ocean View	5.00	25.00	3.70
San Jose	50.00	235.00	220.00
San Leandro	.....	37.81	13.35
San Lorenzo	.....	.....	10.00
San Mateo	60.00	203.40	191.31
San Rafael	20.00	20.00	.....
Santa Cruz	75.00	285.00	236.10
Santa Rosa	.....	77.47	62.80
Saratoga	.....	100.62	121.40
Sebastopol	.....	47.52	50.44
Sonoma	15.00	40.00	41.85
Soquel	.....	32.65	25.00
Stockton	.....	156.44	137.48
Suisun	.....	41.33	.....
Sunnyvale	.....	3.56	.....
Sunol	.....	.....	20.00
Tulare	.....	109.00	85.00
Weaverville	20.00	38.00	61.29
Woodside	.....	20.00	.....
Reno, Nevada	.....	96.47	88.75
Miscellaneous and Individual	55.00	1,149.50	1,635.50
	$1,121.45	$9,955.56	$10,498.72

Superintendent Gill will leave for Boston the evening of May 27 in order to attend four meetings which will be held on consecutive days: The Program Committee for the forthcoming meeting of the General Council, the Joint Staff, and the Joint Cabinet of the Missions Council. He will return about June 11.

COME AGAIN SOON, MISS SEABURY

Never has a speaker in our Northern California Congregational Churches followed so heavy a schedule as that which will soon be completed by Miss Ruth Isabel Seabury. At every Association she spoke at least twice, and at some of them more than that. In addition, she spoke at nine young people's rallies and visited nineteen churches. In connection with her visits to churches, she has spoken at high school assemblies, to women's groups, to a men's club, to church dinner meetings, and in the pulpit. In one church, in a single day she was speaking eight full hours. Her messages gave a vivid appreciation of the Madras Conference and of missionary work around the world, but particularly in India. Her understanding of the problems of the local church, and her suggestions for meeting them, were of exceeding value. From every hand came the comment: "She is the most effective woman speaker that we have ever had." Following upon the intensive campaign of Lloyd Lorbeer, and with visits of Secretary Fred L. Fagley and Secretary Henry D. Gray, Northern California churches have been richly blessed during the early months of 1940.

Notice!

Have you or your church old record books not now in use, letters of early home missionaries, diaries of early ministers, minutes of state or local associations and conferences, or any other materials that would be of value in the history of Congregationalism in Northern California? If so, please consider sending them to a fireproof, doubly locked place of storage where they will be both safe and useful. Such materials may be contributed or title retained. They will be carefully administered and returned on demand. Too many such priceless materials have already been lost. Please send such documents to Holbrook Library, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, Calif., or communicate with Superintendent H. H. Gill, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco, California.

BENICIA. The largest Easter attendance for many years is reported by lay people to Mr. A. R. Flick, the pastor. The Sunday school has increased in enrollment and a new project of a church religious library has been adopted.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. The Wah Mei Club served a Chinese dinner to members and friends for the financial benefit of the church, on Saturday, April 27, which was very well patronized. Dr. B. C. Wong is pastor.

SUISUN. Extensive repairs to the roof have been made, also floors refinished and aisle carpet provided. The exterior of the church has been painted, and there has been an increase in the stipend paid to the pastor, Rev. H. E. Buckner.

YOSEMITE. Word has come of the resignation of the Rev. James Asa White as pastor of the Yosemite Park Church. This is a joint enterprise supported by a number of denominations.

SAN MATEO. During the past year the church received a legacy of $1,000, which sum will be supplemented by a campaign to clear up the remaining bank indebtedness. Salary increase has been voted to the pastor, Rev. Sidney H. Buckham.

SARATOGA. Unanimous approval was voted by the church of the project to proceed with the erection of a new Sunday school building, at a cost of $10,000. Rev. Fred R. Morrow is pastor.

COTATI and PENNGROVE. Rev. C. C. Champlin, who has been pastor of Cotati and Penngrove for several years, has resigned to take effect August 1. During his pastorate the Penngrove church completed its organization as a Congregational group and came into the fellowship of the Association. Both churches have made real progress, particularly in work among the young people. Sunday school attendance at Cotati has shown marked increase. The Champlins will continue to make their home on a ranch near Sonoma.

EUREKA. Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Hudson attended the Redwood Empire Association meeting at Petaluma. National Camp Fire birthday was celebrated by the attendance of Campfire Girls and leaders from the county. The church is looking forward to its 80th anniversary celebration in the fall. In addition to broadcasting the church services, a radio service has been provided whereby second hand radios are loaned to those that are ill or contributed outright to shutins.

TULARE. A very enthusiastic group of Pilgrim Fellowship young people gathered for breakfast and to hear Miss Ruth Seabury on Saturday morning, April 20, in the Tulare church. Tulare was also well represented in the Rally in Fresno, April 26, and is planning for a good delegation at the summer conference at Sequoia Lake.

The pastor, the Rev. Arthur L. Rice, again plans to spend some weeks of the summer in the ranger service in Yosemite.

SANTA ROSA. The mothers of young children are studying psychology in child training while their own little ones are in the church school. The attendance of the school has risen from 68 to 102. It is interesting to note that the attendance is better in the older groups, indicating that the program progressively holds the interest. Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Withington are on two weeks' vacation.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY. The church held a 14th birthday dinner which attracted 150 people. Rev. A. A. Goergizian, Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union, was the speaker. The birthday cake, which was auctioned, brought a total of $135 for the benefit of the church. Rev. H. K. Khachadourian is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, OCEAN VIEW. The quarterly business meeting revealed balances in the treasuries of each organization. Plans are under way for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the church. After a visit for a month in Nebraska. Mr. Byron E. Eshelman, the pastor, will return for summer work.

OAKLAND, FIRST. Thirty-two new members were received at Easter time, rather than 13 as reported in the April PACIFIC. A special offering at Easter brought in a total of almost $1500. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach is the pastor.

SAN RAFAEL. Mr. Merrill R. Nelson was called as pastor for another year at the annual meeting and dinner. The church ended the year with a surplus in all funds, with a membership increase, and a healthy growth in all departments.

SACRAMENTO, PIONEER. Rev. T. Torrance Phelps is rendering a service to his congregation in lending books from his library, which are regularly on display in the church narthex.

PETALUMA. Rev. T. T. Giffen, the pastor, announces the installation of a new furnace in the Petaluma Church.

RIO VISTA. More than 90 representative people gathered at dinner on April 15 to hear Miss Ruth Seabury. Twelve delegates represented the church at the Antioch Association meeting. The quota of General Council Expense has been paid. The church auditorium has been made attractive by new carpet and drapes, a gift of the Ladies' Aid Society. Rainbow Girls attended a morning service the first Sunday of April. Special programs are planned for Mother's Day. Rev. Victor Morgan is pastor.

RIPON. The play, "Mr. District Attorney," sponsored by the California Temperance Federation, was given in the church on a recent evening. Rev. Robert A. Bentley, the pastor, is busy with plans as director of the Lakewood Area Young People's Conference. The goal of a gain of 10 per cent in membership for the year has already been reached, and progress made for 25 per cent increase in attendance. The same goal has been set for the Sunday school.

TRINITY COUNTY. The high school principal, the Superior Court judge, and the district attorney led the young people's society of Weaverville in a panel discussion on "What Place Youth Will Fill in the World of Tomorrow." Heavy storms and washouts have made it difficult to get about in the country, but Rev. James D. Salmon, the pastor, brought a party of delegates from Hayfork and Weaverville to the Association at Grass Valley. He served as moderator of the meeting.

ALTURAS. The Congregational and Baptist Churches of Alturas have now definitely voted to federate, have adopted articles of agreement, and have elected a joint board of trustees. Rev. Ralph B. Larkin has been serving the Congregational group as stated supply since January but has closed his work, and the supply minister of the Baptist Church will carry on until a pastor for the new united enterprise is called.

MARTINEZ. Twenty-eight new members were received at Easter, of which sixteen were youths. A Pilgrim Fellowship group has been formed and thirteen were in attendance at the Pittsburg young people's rally. The pastor, Rev. Verdette Walters, has concluded a series of Sunday evenings with the Bible, but has been requested to offer another course of studies in the fall.

SAN CARLOS. At the Association meeting this church reported a membership of 57 in the Men's Club and more than 100 in the women's organizations. A new lot at the rear of the present property has been purchased and plans are going forward for a new plant. Rev. H. J. Loken is pastor.

SANTA CRUZ. Miss Ruth Seabury was greeted by a large number at a church dinner planned by the women's group and the two young women's guilds. Field Secretary Sherman was present, speaking of the summer conferences. Plans are under way to move the dining room of the church to the main floor. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

KENWOOD and GLEN ELLEN. Very large congregations were present at both churches on Easter. Two united with the church at Glen Ellen and one at Kenwood. The Kenwood church is to be painted. Rev. F. E. Boren, pastor, reports improved regular church attendance.

NILES. Rev. R. C. Day, the pastor, is soon to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of his ordination. As an appropriate honor, he was elected moderator of the Bay Association at its last meeting.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN JOSE. A series of five Sunday evening forums have been conducted on the general theme "The Safeguards Against War." Among the speakers have been John Richards, Director of Finance for the State; Bishop Edward Lambe Parsons; Joseph Conard, and Commander Stewart Bryant. As was hoped and planned for by the Social Action Committee, there was wide community interest and discussion, and a large percentage of the people who attended were from outside the church.

Because of inadequate eating facilities at San Jose State College, the parish house, which is only a block away from the campus, is being used as a student center. Rooms have been opened up each day from 11 to 2 as a place where students can come for lunch, music, games and discussions. A committee of students, supplemented by N.Y.A. workers, conduct the program, with occasional help from an advisory committee from the church. Rev. Stephen C. Peabody is the pastor.

BERKELEY, FIRST. A very strong committee set-up has been made and dozens of people are now at work in preparation for the entertainment of the General Council. Rev. Vere V. Loper, the pastor, and Mrs. Loper will be in attendance at Grinnell College for the 25th anniversary of their graduations on June 8. Dr. Loper is to speak at the commencement vespers. He will also give one of the main addresses at the Southern California Congregational Conference. The College of Life of the church is presenting Arnold Nash on five Sunday mornings, discussing the Christian's attitude toward Economics, the State, Education, War, and the Family.

REDWOOD CITY. In accordance with its custom of steadily improving the appearance and convenience of the church building, the Women's Guild is now at work in improving the pastor's study and in securing new kitchen utensils. A nursery to care for children during church services is sponsored by the deaconesses. The Junior Guild put on a dinner for fathers and sons, and also the May Day church dinner. The Sunday school attendance has been increased by a third over last year, largely through innovations under the leadership of Superintendent Otis Carrington. Rev. Charles E. Ward is pastor.

SEBASTOPOL. Rev. and Mrs. George E. Atkinson are proud grandparents of a little girl born in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Schuyler of Pacific Grove. The church was crowded with representatives from all Sonoma County Pilgrim Fellowship groups for a rally to hear Miss Ruth Seabury, Miss Margaret Duffy promised all in her Sunday school class who were not absent for six months a week-end trip to Berkeley. She expected three or four to qualify, but there were nine.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. As usual Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, is prominent on the programs of patriotic organizations for Memorial Day. A number of these organizations will worship with the Fruitvale Church on Sunday, May 26. The Fruitvale Businessmen's Association has conferred upon Mr. Orr the honor of life membership.

CAMPBELL. Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor, reports that the new seating for the church sanctuary, which has replaced the uncomfortable pews, has resulted in a marked increase in church attendance. The splendid youth program of this church continues.

FAIRFAX. This church has extended a unanimous call to Mr. William Meyer, soon to graduate from the Union Theological Seminary in New York. "Wim" Meyer, as he is known, grew up in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, of which his parents are still active members. He was identified with the Pilgrim Fellowship state organization in its early days and was one of its officers. Both he and his wife graduated from the University of California with high honors and his record at Union Seminary has been outstanding. He has been an assistant at the Clinton Avenue Church, Brooklyn, and for a number of years has been vitally interested in various peace movements. His work at Fairfax will probably begin on July 1. He comes under the cooperative arrangement between the church and the Conference, with a program designed to bring the church to self-support within a definite period, the complete payment of the indebtedness on the property, and if possible the erection of a chapel.

GUERNEVILLE. Mr. Myron Nichols, a student at San Anselmo, is closing his work, and Mr. James P. Senter, a second-year student at Pacific School of Religion is accepting the call to the Guerneville Church and the Monte Rio Presbyterian Church. Mr. Senter and his wife will make their home at Monte Rio, and will carry a full program of work during the summer. They will give as much time to the field as possible during the school year. Mr. Senter comes highly recommended by Superintendent Carlson of Oregon. During the past year he has been in charge of the high school group at First Congregational Church in Berkeley.

ANTIOCH. Plans are under way for the 75th anniversary of the church, which will center about the second Sunday of June. A goal of 50 new members has been adopted. Seventeen young adults and young people attended the youth rally at Oakland to hear Miss Ruth Seabury, and fifteen young people attended the Lokoya rally at Pittsburg. The Women's Service Club held a May Day roll call luncheon, with Mrs. Robert d'Erlach of Berkeley as speaker. The Young Adult group of the church boasts an attendance of 25, and the pastor, Rev. Wm. R. Steininger, thinks it is the best group in the Conference.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. Rev. Robert W. Inglis, pastor, is to be the director of Loma Mar No. 1 Young People's Conference. A large crowd heard the original operetta composed by two young men of the church, entitled "Angels Like Music." Rev. Henry David Gray of Boston was the preacher on Youth Sunday, April 28. A professional boys' worker of Oakland has said that the boys' program of Plymouth is the most outstanding of any of the churches of the East Bay of any denomination.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Both Murphy and Angels Camp were well represented at the Central Association meeting at Lodi. The anniversary church service of the Rainbow Girls was held on April 7th at Angels Camp. Rev. J. G. Dickey, the pastor, endeavors to keep in touch with all church groups in both localities and in Douglas Flat and Sheep Ranch as well.

PARADISE. Thirteen new members were received during the Easter season, and more are to come into fellowship on Mother's Day. Rev. W. H. L. Marshall is pastor.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. Rev. Dillon Wesley Throckmorton, who for six years has so ably led this united work, has resigned to take effect at the close of the next meeting of the Methodist annual conference. Mr. Throckmorton has been a real pastor to the Congregational group as well as to the Methodist. The Congregationalists have been very happy under his leadership. He has constantly attended Association and Conference meetings and was very helpful in launching the present organization of our Pilgrim Fellowship. Under the terms of the agreement between the Congregational and Methodist churches the next pastor will be a Congregationalist. A committee has been appointed and is actively in search of the right man.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Rev. Edgar A. Lowther is in attendance at the Methodist General Conference at Atlantic City. The church expects to be host to the first Area Conference of the Methodist Church under the new setup for the region west of the Rocky Mountains. Rev. Jason Noble Pierce has been conducting a question drawer on Sunday evenings, and the Bible Forum Sunday mornings at 9:50, besides preaching at the morning service. In order to make the age-old Jewish Feast of the Passover more meaningful, Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee conducted the Passover meal on Wednesday, April 24, assisted by Cantor R. R. Rinder.

LODI. The mid-week meetings have shown a remarkable growth under the leadership of laymen. Thirty-three were in attendance on a recent evening. One hundred and thirty attended the father and son dinner, and it is expected that mothers and daughers will banquet together before Mother's Day. The older young people of the Methodist and Congregational churches united in presenting an Easter drama on Palm Sunday evening. Rev. A. R. Boone, the pastor, was the director. Fifteen new members united with the church at the communion service on the Sunday following Easter.

PORTERVILLE. Fifty-five young people attended the dinner honoring Miss Ruth Seabury, and sponsored a public meeting following, the officers conducting the worship service, assisted by the choir. Seventeen delegates attended the rally and conference of San Joaquin Pilgrim Fellowship at Fresno. Registrations have come in for the regional conference at Lake Sequoia. The Plymouth Circle of 24 young married couples have furnished drapes for four department rooms. The average church attendance for the month of April was 199. Rev. John H. Gregg is pastor.

FRESNO, FIRST. The young married people's group of this church has a membership of 98. Many of the recruits for the church fellowship come from this club. The Sunday evening forum which has been operating more than 10 years, has had a larger attendance than for some time, and is able to meet all obligations. Rev. Norman Henderson, the pastor, is the new moderator of the San Joaquin Association.

CLOVERDALE. This church keeps an accurate record of attendance, announcing month by month the members who have a 100 per cent attendance. Rev. Harold Davidson, the pastor, believes that it is possible for churches to develop as great a loyalty in attendance as the Rotary Club is able to accomplish.

ALAMEDA. This church entertained the spring meeting of the Bay Association and gave ministers and delegates of this area the opportunity of seeing the beautiful job of redecorating that has been done. The pastor, Rev. Gail Cleland, is preaching a series of sermons on personal questions, and has invited members of the congregation to submit the seven most appropriate texts for those questions. Nineteen new members were received into fellowship the last Sunday of March. The financing of the church program for the coming year was arranged through the use of Covenant Sunday, which included an impressive ceremony in which the members deposited their signed covenants in the "Ark of the Covenant," which was carried to the front of the church by laymen.

SALIDA. Rev. C. Virgil Carlson has resigned to accept the pastorate of the Congregational Church at New Plymouth, Idaho, and will take up his duties there in May. Mr. Carlson began at Salida as a student pastor and later was ordained and continued for two years as full-time minister of the church. He goes with the unqualified and united affection and respect of the people of Salida. Their satisfaction in having thus helped train a young minister has led them to undertake such a responsibility again. They have called Mr. Lewis Presnall of Columbus, Ohio, who will enter Pacific School of Religion in August. Mr. and Mrs. Presnall and their infant son will make their home in Salida and will begin work the first of June.

FRESNO, PILGRIM. Rev. M. G. Papazian, who notified the church several months ago that he would sever the pastoral relationship in the near future, has resigned to take effect at the end of July, which will complete 26 years of leadership in the church. A strong committee is actively at work seeking a new pastor. Dr. Papazian plans to make his home on his ranch near Fresno, but will undoubtedly be called upon for ad interim work. He is held in deepest affection by his church and in universal respect in the city of Fresno and among the Congregational churches of our entire Conference.

GRASS VALLEY. There have been twenty decisions since the coming of the new pastor, Rev. Herschel Fravel. Seventeen were received at Easter time. The junior Christian Endeavor has a membership of 12 and is learning the art of public prayer. There are 25 in the senior Christian Endeavor. Mr. Fravel, who is a splendid musician, directs the choir, and he conducts Bible study after the choir practice. New, thoroughly modern, efficient heating equipment has been installed.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Miss Helen M. Perkins

The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

SPRING ASSOCIATIONS

All those Associations that have reported, tell of a most successful series of meetings, well attended. Redwood Empire gleefully records that the women outnumbered the men two to one at the general Association meeting, besides a large group for the women's gathering. Due to the great interest and importance of Miss Ruth Seabury's presence, Redwood Empire, Central and Bay Associations left their individual reports for another time. Eureka has a special evening group for the young mothers as well as for business women. At Lodi the women voiced a need for true stories of our missionaries, saying that they missed the material which the Boston Board has sent out in the past. The envelope series, of course, is one means to that end. The women were all proud of the talk on Religious Education given by Mrs. E. B. Kientz at the general session.

From Fowler comes the following admirable report from the San Joaquin Association:

"Every woman's society of the area was represented in the meeting on April 19. Widely separated and few in number, the women feel their need for more fellowship and closer acquaintance. In order to help attain this goal, at the luncheon served by the women of the Fowler Church, Mrs. Arthur L. Rice, Association president, arranged so that no person was seated next to a member of her own delegation. Another project in fellowship has been an exchange of programs. A group from the Pilgrim Armenian church came to Tulare in March, presenting a most interesting afternoon on Armenian history, customs, and religion, and serving coffee. In April the Tulare women reciprocated by presenting a program and serving refreshments in the Fresno Pilgrim Church."

Sacramento Valley Association also reported all of the women's organizations in attendance at Grass Valley, except Adin and Alturas, and these were certainly excusable. Distance made no difference, however, to Weaverville and Hayfork, which both sent representatives. The women voted a dollar from each organization as their share of the offering usually taken at the Spring meeting. Each commissioner received a packet containing devotional material, the 1940 Guide Posts to Better Meetings (helpful program suggestions) and the new reading list. The women heard regretfully that Mrs. H. N. Hobart, who is soon to make her home in San Diego, will not be able to serve as Association President after June 1. They were also very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. W. J. Shanks of Alturas, assistant Association president. The Fall Institute will be held at Paradise. The Women's League of the Pioneer Church of Sacramento reported that 80 women had joined that church since last September, and these were especially honored at a luncheon in April.

At Soquel the program listed three discussion groups which met both morning and afternoon. One was on Religious Education led by Fred R. Morrow and Mrs. Dorothy Bennett; one was a Social Action group with Rev. S. C. Peabody and Rev. H. J. Loken; and the third was on World Service, with Miss Seabury speaking. This was an excellent idea because it gave everyone a chance to express her opinions.

Both at Antioch and Petaluma Mrs. Bayard Buckham gave a skit on Teaching Religion to Children. A large group from Rio Vista came over to hear Miss Seabury again. It was a pleasure to see such a number of those who regularly attend the Federation meetings, and to realize how increasingly we are able to have in our Federation committees and offices women from all Associations.

The last of the Association meetings was that of the Bay region. As Bay Association women have not generally held meetings at this time, it was most gratifying to have an attendance of well over a hundred women in the pretty, newly-decorated ladies' room of the Alameda church. We were all glad to hear, through Mrs. Fuller, that Mrs. Frank Greene was sufficiently improved to be able to see Mrs. Fuller and other visitors at the Petaluma meeting. In Mrs. Robert D'Erlach's absence, Mrs. Gail Cleland spoke of the reading list. Mrs. D'Erlach had previously reported that First Church, San Francisco, had twenty-five women who had read 239 books this past year. That is a mark to shoot at.

So far this report of the Association has been a good deal like Hamlet with Hamlet left out, the Hamlet, of course, being Miss Ruth Seabury. Of all the riches of practical help and spiritual inspiration which she brought to us, it would be impossible to speak at any length. Said a woman from one of our churches: "she gives the sort of help women are looking for.—We have come a long way this year, but it was she who started us six years ago." Surely we must all feel that from these meetings we have been started—to go, let us hope, a long way.

A very few excerpts from the store poured out for us must suffice. Speaking on women's organizations, Miss Seabury said:

A church organization does not meet the need for which it exists unless it provides growth for every woman. Apropos of this she told of a group of young girls who had failed to get any response from a new recruit when they waxed enthusiastic over beautiful views, only to have her the only one to break away to listen to the church organ. As one of the girls said: "We had eyes, but she had ears."

Miss Seabury emphasized five purposes for which a women's organization exists:

1. The development of the spiritual.
2. The undergirding of the whole life of the church—plans of the minister, and so on.
3. The cultivation of a spirit of fellowship—a fellowship that transcends race, class or creed.
4. A world-wide service to humanity. This will begin in the local community, but does not end there, and pushes out to all the world.
5. The opening of new vistas each year for each woman, the unfolding of a Vision.

A definition of Christianity was given by a shy young German at Madras. Almost overcome by the unexpected joy of having Miss Seabury speak to him in his own tongue, he said, after apologizing for his emotion: "But that is what Christianity is, isn't it? A reaching out across the barriers; you understanding my loneliness. I understanding your sympathy."

Selections made by Rev. Noel J. Breed

GRACE BEFORE MEALS

For all Thy goodness, O Lord, of which this food is a token, we give Thee thanks. —Amen.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY DEVOTION

Our Father, may our home be the place of Thy presence. By Thou the head of our house, the unseen guest at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation. In confidence of Thee may we find our peace, and in obedience to Thy will may we know the joy of noble living and unselfish service.—Amen.

Friends are invited to a great open house celebration at the Hip Wo School, June 21 and 22. The yard will be paved and the new quarters furnished, transforming the famous old 920 Sacramento St. into a well-equipped Chinese language school, with an enrollment of more than 600.

Rev. E. L. Spuller, who is pastor of the Dixon Community Church, which is a federation of Baptists, Presbyterians and Lutherans, reports a very helpful Easter season. All business houses closed for three hours on Good Friday, and special services were held each evening during Holy Week. The pastor gave the Holy Week address before the Rotary Club. Forty-four were received into fellowship of the church on Palm Sunday. The church was redecorated at a cost of $1,000, and a new bulletin board has been installed.

Miss Seabury gave us six trenchant questions which she had propounded at different times to various groups, testing the thoroughness of our grounding in the essentials of our faith. The results, as she gave them to us, were so amazing and appalling that, in response to requests, the questions are recorded here. May we put them to ourselves first and then, perhaps, to our own groups:

1. Give six persons who might have known Jesus personally. (Answers ranged from Moses down.)
2. Give five events in Jesus' life. (Birth, death and resurrection, having been offered, were refused on the ground that that first two are the common lot of man.)
3. What are the most important of Jesus' teachings? (By dint of considerable prompting with one boy, Miss Seabury managed to elicit the Golden Rule, but that was the limit.)
4. What is the most important thing in your religious life?
5. What is a Christian church?
6. If you were not a Christian, what would you rather be?

What is your score?

DR. LEONARD WILBUR

Details regarding the illness and death of Dr. Leonard Wilbur are still meager, but according to word received by Mrs. Wilbur's parents, Dr. Wilbur diagnosed his own illness during its early stages as influenza, which diagnosis was corroborated by the refugee Jewish doctor in the same hospital. Two days after the illness began, using a mask to protect the patient from contagion, Dr. Wilbur performed a Caesarian operation upon a Chinese woman. The baby lived, but the mother died. Subsequently Dr. Wilbur's illness was found to be typhus, and he passed away on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Wilbur's plans are not fully developed. She wants to remain in China to carry on her part of the work, if it can be done.

How Dr. Wilbur's service struck a newspaper columnist is revealed in a copyrighted article appearing in the New York *Sun* on April 2, under the caption "Dave Boone Says:"

"It will be a long time before I can look with any patience at those pictures of the grinning, cocky, self-satisfied type of celebrities which pretty much monopolize the newspapers and newsreels. I mean those vain and unimportant personalities who get snapped for no other reason that they just won a night-club fight, married a child bride, discovered a new cocktail, or got a five-year sentence for forgery.

"It's because I recently read about Dr. Leonard F. Wilbur, a thirty-three-year-old American doctor, who chose a life of service in stricken China and died the kind of death you don't hear much about in these days when cheap heroics get so much attention. Dr. Wilbur contracted typhus in his work. While he was fatally ill and almost helpless he forced Chinese assistants to carry him to a Chinese hospital to save a mother's life by performing a Caesarian operation.

"He did it and collapsed. A few days later he died, with his young wife and two children at his side. I saw his picture only in a couple of newspapers and it was buried away back in the paper with a brief account of his passing.

"There was some excuse for it, I suppose. It happened to be a day when a lot of gangsters, cop shooters, divorcees, playboys and punks were doing their stuff."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCES

June 3-9—Modoc and Trinity County.
June 15-22—Central.
June 16-22—Loma Mar No. 1.
June 16-22—San Joaquin.
July 27-August 3—Zephyr Point.
August 4-10—Lokoya.
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